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ADMINISTRATOR

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The Honorable Mark Dayton
Governor of Minnesota
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Governor Dayton:

I am writing to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed additional area designations for the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standard for sulfur dioxide (SO₂) established in 2010. The enclosed table summarizes the portions of Minnesota the agency is designating at this time. These designations are explained more fully in the accompanying technical support document available at <https://www.epa.gov/sulfur-dioxide-designations/final-technical-support-documents-area-designations-round-3>. This action completes area designations for Minnesota.

Improving air quality to protect public health is a shared goal. Through local, state, tribal, and national programs, we have made considerable progress to reduce SO₂ levels throughout the country. Nationwide, monitored levels of sulfur dioxide have dropped 85 percent since 1990. I appreciate the work you have done and the partnership we have developed to achieve this impressive reduction.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me or your staff may contact Troy Lyons, Associate Administrator for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at lyons.troy@epa.gov or at (202) 564-5200.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Scott Pruitt", is written over the "Respectfully yours," text.

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Enclosure

Minnesota --2010 Sulfur Dioxide NAAQS (Primary)		
Designated area ¹	Designation	
	Date ²	Type
Goodhue County		Unclassifiable
Aitkin County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Anoka County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Becker County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Beltrami County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Benton County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Big Stone County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Blue Earth County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Brown County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Carlton County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Carver County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Cass County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Chippewa County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Chisago County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Clay County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Clearwater County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Cook County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Cottonwood County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Crow Wing County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Dakota County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Dodge County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Douglas County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Faribault County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Fillmore County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Freeborn County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Grant County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Hennepin County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Houston County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Hubbard County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Isanti County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Itasca County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Jackson County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Kanabec County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Kandiyohi County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Kittson County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Koochiching County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Lac qui Parle County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Lake County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Lake of the Woods County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Le Sueur County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Lincoln County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Lyon County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable

Minnesota --2010 Sulfur Dioxide NAAQS (Primary)		
Designated area ¹	Designation	
	Date ²	Type
McLeod County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Mahnomen County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Marshall County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Martin County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Meeker County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Mille Lacs County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Morrison County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Mower County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Murray County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Nicollet County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Nobles County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Norman County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Olmsted County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Otter Tail County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Pennington County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Pine County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Pipestone County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Polk County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Pope County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Ramsey County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Red Lake County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Redwood County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Renville County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Rice County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Rock County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Roseau County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
St. Louis County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Scott County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Sherburne County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Sibley County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Stearns County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Steele County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Stevens County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Swift County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Todd County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Traverse County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Wabasha County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Wadena County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Waseca County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Washington County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Watonwan County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Wilkin County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable

Minnesota --2010 Sulfur Dioxide NAAQS (Primary)		
Designated area ¹	Designation	
	Date ²	Type
Winona County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Wright County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable
Yellow Medicine County		Attainment/ Unclassifiable

¹Includes any Indian country in each county or area, unless otherwise specified. The EPA is not determining the boundaries of any area of Indian country in this table, including any area of Indian country located in the larger designation area. The inclusion of any Indian country in the designation area is not a determination that the state has regulatory authority under the Clean Air Act for such Indian country.

²This date is 90 days after publication in the *Federal Register*, unless otherwise noted.